

NCC Minutes 8/21/06

Open meeting: 7:01 p.m.

Present: D. Mason, B. Byrne, R. Konisky, L. Carroll, L. Hill, R. LaBranche, alt. S. Shope
Guest: D. Hyde from the Nature Conservancy

1) Ongoing Administrative Business:

- a. Treasurer's Report 7/06 & 8/06- read by D. Mason, motion to accept R. LaBranche, seconded by B. Byrne, all in favor YES
- b. Minutes 6/19/06- motion to accept D. Mason, seconded by L. Carroll, all in favor YES.

2) Mail

- a. N.H. Arborists- Application for beautification award- submit to Garden Club
- b. Municipal Law Lecture Series
- c. Have received another grant application from Great Bay Estuaries Project

3) West Environmental- Prime Wetlands

- 6/12/06- Bill for fieldwork= \$1,655.85- D. Mason motions to pay, seconded by R. Konisky, all in favor YES.

4) D.E.P. Workshops being held 9/18-9/20/06

5) State of the Estuaries Conf. being held on Fri. 10/27/06

6) Updates

- a. Silverstein Prop.- Official survey indicates that landscaping for pool does extend into the easement. D. Mason unable to attend Selectman's meeting 8/1/06 to hear discussion. Selectman W. Moore not present to comment.
- b. Nature Conservancy- Duane Hyde
 - Great Bay Partnership- 9 agencies working jointly to conserve land around Great Bay. Nature Conservancy leads the project. Focus is to conserve frontage on the bay then extend up the watersheds as able. (i.e. Turtle Swamp, Great Bog, etc). Have conserved about 4500 acres to date.
 - Schmeer Property- 12 acres on the Swamscott
Nature Cons. Has funds to purchase easement. Fish & Game has approved no hunting per owner's request and public access will be OK. Fish and Game would hold the easement.
 - Applying for another 7 properties- looking at 68 acres in Newfields- i.e. focusing on the Piscassic River

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b. Nature conservancy (cont.)

- N.A.W.C.A. grants- now requiring that they meet their estimates on # of acres to be conserved. Can use donated acres but N.C. still short on 380 acres on an old grant. Requesting that the town of Newfields enter the Daley and Anderson properties in the program. Would require that a Notice of Grant Agreement be signed- says that U.S.Fish and Game would have to sign off on any change of easement terms or transfer of legal interest. R. Konisky asked if there would be any fees for recording, etc. D. Hyde replied that N.C. would cover any costs incurred. Also, would F. & G. have any rights beyond keeping land conserved? No, but they won't monitor, etc. either. Concluded that we need to review the document and that the Selectman will have to have the final say.

c. Gosselin- Withdrew application

d. Cole Property

- Bill from Doucet to Open Space for 6/19-6/30/06???? Selectman need to address.
- Bill from McLane Law Firm for work done by A. Breed on Town of Newfields behalf on easement= \$1785.00. R. Konisky was present for the meetings and felt she did a good job. Selectman have voted to terminate A. Breed and use Fran Lane but, again, Sel. Wes Moore not present to clarify. Need to have Selectman review bill. D. Mason motions to pay if the Selectman approve, L. Carroll seconds. B. Byrne objected, all others YES.

e. Boundary Markers- L. Carroll- need to discuss and clarify purpose next meeting.

7) Next meeting- Sept. 18, 2006

Adjourn 8:35 p.m.

NCC member L. Hill 8/21/06